

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1023

campaign contributions; reportable amount

Purpose

Increases, from \$50 to \$100, the minimum threshold for which a committee must disclose the identity, occupation and employer of an individual making a campaign contribution on a campaign finance report.

Background

Political committees fall into three broad categories: candidate committees, political parties and political action committees (PACs). Within each of these categories, political committees are dedicated for specific functions, such as making contributions to candidates, supporting or opposing ballot measures or making independent expenditures. Political committees are required to file campaign finance reports listing the amount of each contribution, and the identity, occupation and employer of each individual who contributes more than \$50 to a campaign during that election cycle. Contributions of less than \$50 are reported aggregately without each individual contributor's personal information (A.R.S. § 16-926). Information from campaign finance reports is compiled into a database and made available to the public on the Secretary of State's website.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Requires a campaign finance report to list the identity, occupation and employer of an individual that makes a campaign contribution to a committee in excess of \$100, rather than \$50.
- 2. Requires a campaign finance report to list the aggregate amount of campaign contributions from all individuals whose contributions do not exceed \$100, rather than \$50.
- 3. Requires a committee to keep records of the following if a campaign contribution exceeds \$100, rather than \$50:
 - a) the identity of the contributor;
 - b) the date of the contribution;
 - c) the amount of the contribution; and
 - d) the date of deposit.

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4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

• Decreases, from \$200 to \$100, the proposed reporting threshold for individual campaign contributions.

Senate Action

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